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OCTOBER IS

domestic violence awareness month

In researching Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the 1994 introduction of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), we found ourselves on a webpage featuring an “Escape” button. The instructions said, **“PRESS “ESC” FOR QUICK ESCAPE. A new tab will open and this page will redirect to Google.”** When we pressed the ‘Escape’ button, the window closed and revealed the Weather Channel home page with no trace of the page we were previously viewing.

In other words, if a domestic violence victim was looking for help and their abuser unexpectedly walked in, he or she might remain unaware they were searching for support, assistance or a way out.

Domestic violence occurs in our nation approximately once every fifteen seconds. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence was introduced in 1981 to bring awareness to this type of violence, as well as connect, unify and support the millions of abuse victims. Using the data you work so diligently to provide, we are able to generate factual domestic violence reports, providing an accurate depiction of domestic violence incidents in our state. If you need assistance in reporting these or any other incidents occurring in your jurisdiction, please contact your auditor. Ensure your entries have no errors, otherwise they cannot be counted until the errors are corrected. This is Tennessee’s way of bringing awareness to Domestic Violence. **Make it count!**



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AUDIT TIP: ENTERING THE CORRECT DATE AND TIME FOR TIBRS INCIDENTS

When reporting an incident to TIBRS, the incident date and time is the date and time the incident actually occurred. If the actual date and time are unknown, enter the earliest possible date and time the incident could have occurred.

Scenario #1:

The Addams family left home on 09/01/2020 at 0700 hours for a vacation. They returned home on 09/08/2020 at 1500 hours to find the back door kicked in and items missing from their home. They called the local police department at 1505 hours. The officer arrived on the scene at 1521 hours. The correct incident date and time for TIBRS is: **09/01/2020 at 0700 hours.** The exact date/time of the incident is unknown, so you would enter the earliest possible date/time. 09/01/2020 at 0700 was the last time the Addams family saw their property intact.

Scenario #2:

The Munster family left home on 09/01/2020 at 0700 hours for a vacation. They returned home on 09/08/2020 at 1500 hours to find the back door kicked in and items missing from their home. They called the local police department at 1505 hours. The officer arrived on the scene at 1521 hours. The investigation revealed that a neighbor saw a male subject kick the door in on 09/04/2020 at 1935 hours. The correct incident date and time for TIBRS is:

09/04/2020 at 1935 hours. Why the difference? The neighbor/witness was able to provide an exact date and time the burglary occurred.



NOW HEAR THIS!!!



So when do you use the *Report Date* field for TIBRS?

Only in situations when the actual or earliest possible date/time cannot be determined.

That being the case, the use of the *Report Date* field should be **very, very rare.**



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TIBRS QUIZ

The theme for this month's quiz is auditing. How many can you answer correctly? The answers can be found on page ten. Good luck!

Question 1:

The official name for a TIBRS "audit" is Quality Assurance Review.

True or False?

Question 2:

TBI conducts TIBRS QARs for agencies every:

A. year, B. two years, C. three years, D. four years.

Question 3:

The agency Reporting Agency Coordinator (RAC) must be present for the QAR.

True or False?

Question 4:

How do I find out who is my TBI point of contact for QARs and other TIBRS issues?

A. Just wing it, and call anyone in the unit, B. POCs are set up by county. Refer to page 12 of this newsletter, C. Look them up in the phone book (does anyone even do that anymore?).

Question 5:

I have already been audited during the current cycle. Can I request a QAR just to see how we're doing?

Yes or No?





TIBRS QUIZ BONUS QUESTION

Name the famous lawman in the photograph on the left:

- A. Bat Masterson
- B. Virgil Earp
- C. Frank Hamer
- D. "Wild Bill" Hickok



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OCTOBER SHOUT-OUT

STACI BELLAR!

Shout-Out!!!

Staci is the RAC for the Gordonsville Police Department. She has been reporting TIBRS data since 2002. Staci is very conscientious in her TIBRS reporting, and does a fantastic job. Staci, thank you for your dedication to the TIBRS program!

Please read a message from Staci on page 10!



Each month in the TIBRS Newsletter, we recognize TIBRS User Group members, TBI staff, and/or FBI staff, for an achievement, or we may just give a Shout-Out for no reason at all!

If you have someone you would like to nominate for the November Shout-Out, please send an email to Dale.King@tn.gov.



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CONGRATULATIONS!



TIBRS Lead Auditor Debbie Lamb recently graduated from the Director's Academy at TBI!

A few words from Debbie:

"When I learned I had been chosen to attend the TBI Director's Academy, I was excited, but nervous at the same time. But the experience was amazing! I attended with an awesome group of people from across the state and from different backgrounds (i.e., Agents, HR, Legal Counsel, Public Information, Training). Through various presentations and exercises by Dr. Macel Ely, the Academy attendees learned how to be leaders by listening to, including, and inspiring co-workers/employees; that it takes all of us working together, doing our part to achieve the final goal. We learned our leadership style, how we can improve on it, and how we can use this skill daily. We chose our class initiative and are still working toward its implementation. I learned a lot about leadership, about working as a team, and I learned a lot about me."





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TIBRS TRAINING SLIDES OF THE MONTH

LARCENY/THEFT SHOPLIFTING

KEY POINT #1

The property type category to be used in shoplifting incidents is the most descriptive property.

In other words, if the offender steals a coat and a carton of cigarettes, the correct categories would be Clothing/Furs and Consumable Goods.

So when do you use the Merchandise category?



LARCENY/THEFT SHOPLIFTING

KEY POINT #2

When, if stolen in a non-retail environment, the property would be classified as Other. Because in that example, Merchandise is a more descriptive category than Other.

OR

If the number of property type categories in the shoplifting incident exceeds 10. In that case, the remaining categories would be combined into one Merchandise category.





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THIS MONTH FROM CRIMEINSIGHT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED INCIDENTS, AUGUST 2019-20			
Date	2019	2020	%
Offense Type			
All Crimes Against Persons, DV-Related	6,404	6,082	Down 5.0
Murder - Non-Negligent	7	9	UP 28.6
Kidnapping/Abduction	120	117	DOWN 2.5
Rape	58	40	DOWN 31.0
Sodomy	19	14	DOWN 26.3
Sexual Assault With an Object	3	1	DOWN 66.7
Fondling	60	68	UP 13.3
Incest	2	4	UP 50.0
Statutory Rape	12	3	DOWN 75.0
Aggravated Assault	840	1,015	UP 20.8
Simple Assault	4,390	3,979	DOWN 9.4
Intimidation	811	749	DOWN 7.6
Stalking	82	83	UP 1.2

STATISTICS CAN BE DECEIVING!

Are seven of the twelve categories actually experiencing a downward trend between August 2019 and August 2020? It would certainly appear that way, *but that may not necessarily be the case.* Although schools, businesses, and places of worship are opening back up across the state, many were still closed or operating at a smaller capacity in August. It is common to receive reports of domestic violence from those sources. Without the incidents that may have been otherwise reported, a downward trend, especially in this particular situation, may actually be an upward trend.

We will follow up in next month's newsletter!



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TIBRS ONLINE TRAINING SCHEDULE

October 2020	Class Type	Start/Finish Time
Wednesday, October 14 th	RAC Orientation/CrimeInsight	0830-1230
Wednesday, October 21 st	Introduction to Data Collection, Part 1	0830-1230
Thursday, October 22 nd	Introduction to Data Collection, Part 2	0830-1230
Tuesday, October 27 th	RAC Orientation/CrimeInsight	1300-1700
November 2020	Class Type	Start/Finish Time
Wednesday, November 4 th	Introduction to Data Collection, Part 1	1230-1630
Thursday, November 5 th	Introduction to Data Collection, Part 2	1230-1630
Tuesday, November 10 th	RAC Orientation/CrimeInsight	0830-1230

ALL CLASSES ARE CENTRAL TIME

SIGNING UP FOR TIBRS TRAINING

All TIBRS online classes are limited to the first 15 participants to sign up.

RAC Orientation/CrimeInsight does not count toward introductory or recertification training requirements for RACs and/or Alternate RACs.

However, due to the many advantages of using CrimeInsight, such as Mapping and details on how to run and build reports, we highly recommend that RACs and Alternate RACs attend this class!

Please remember, CrimeInsight is not voluntary.

It is mandatory, and a vital component to your TIBRS program!

If you have questions concerning TIBRS classes, or would like to sign up for a class, please contact: Abby.S.Claud@tn.gov.



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MESSAGE FROM STACI BELLAR

Thank you for the Shout Out!

he journey has been an eventful one, from training classes where we acted out the movie Tombstone (I'm your Huckleberry) to learning something without fail EVERY SINGLE class. If you are not learning; then you are not listening. To the TBI/TIBRS staff goes all the credit as it is not easy to continue to teach us "veterans" something new and yet they accomplish it with energy and do a phenomenal job finding ways to make it fun to learn every year.

Having been with The Town of Gordonsville for nearly 20 years and involved with TIBRS that long as well, I have met a lot of amazing people and am better at what we do because of their knowledge and experience. My proudest moment came this year with the best promotion of my life... going into fulltime law enforcement where I am honored to serve the people and our Agency for another 20 years. It's been a self-reflecting year for me because really how could it not be for all of us. I'll

borrow the quote of "The only impossible journey is the one you never start" and ask that no matter how young or old; be strong, be happy, enjoy the journey, and most of all LIVE LIFE.



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GET INVOLVED WITH THE TIBRS USER GROUP!

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ANSWERS TO THE TIBRS QUIZ

Questions	Answers
1	True
2	C. three years
3	False. The RAC needs to be accessible via phone, email, or text in case the auditor has any questions, but the auditor must have uninterrupted privacy while conducting the QAR.
4	They are set up by county. Refer to page 12 of this newsletter.
5	Yes. The audit schedule takes precedence, but if you would like us to conduct a "spot-check" audit, we'll fit it in when we can.
BONUS	D. Frank Hamer joined the Texas Rangers, Company C, in April, 1906.



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TIBRS AUDITORS BY REGION

East Tennessee Lead Auditor and TBI RAC Debbie Lamb						
Anderson	Claiborne	Hamblen	Knox	Morgan	Scott	Washington
Bledsoe	Cocke	Hamilton	Loudon	Overton	Sequatchie	
Blount	Cumberland	Hancock	Marion	Pickett	Sevier	
Bradley	Fentress	Hawkins	McMinn	Polk	Sullivan	
Campbell	Grainger	Jefferson	Meigs	Rhea	Unicoi	
Carter	Greene	Johnson	Monroe	Roane	Union	

Middle Tennessee Auditor Thomas Huffman			
Bedford	Grundy	Putnam	White
Cannon	Jackson	Robertson	Williamson
Cheatham	Lincoln	Rutherford	Wilson
Clay	Macon	Smith	
Coffee	Marshall	Sumner	
Davidson	Maury	Trousdale	
DeKalb	Moore	Van Buren	
Franklin	Morristown PD	Warren	

West Tennessee Auditor Randall Hendrix			
Benton	Gibson	Houston	Montgomery
Carroll	Giles	Humphreys	Obion
Chester	Hardeman	Lake	Perry
Crockett	Hardin	Lauderdale	Shelby
Decatur	Haywood	Lawrence	Stewart
Dickson	Henderson	Lewis	Tipton
Dyer	Henry	McNairy	Wayne
Fayette	Hickman	Madison	Weakley



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